

SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
October 21, 1999

Members Present: Willam Barnet, Rosie Marie Berry, James Bryan, William Gummerson, Robert W. Harrell, Jr., Alex Martin, Douglas McTeer, Nikki Setzler, Joel Smith, Henry Spann, Robert Staton, Lynn Thompson, Larry Wilson

I. **Welcome and Introductions**

Mr. Barnet welcomed members and guests to the meeting. He acknowledged guests who had been invited for the presentation of the Parent Involvement Task Force.

II. **Approval of the Minutes of September 24, 1999**

The Committee approved the minutes of September 24 as distributed.

III. **Special Report**

Mrs. Thompson introduced the members of the Parent Involvement Task Force and thanked them for their work over the past ten months.

Robert Zeurcher, Max Melton, Kappy Hubbard, Josie Gaston and Wendell Price presented the Task Force report. The Report incorporated recommendations under five broad categories (attached). The recommendations incorporate actions necessary to implement the vision of "a renewed commitment to partnerships among family, school and community that support parental responsibility for our children's health, well-being and accelerated learning."

The research and findings of the Task Force confirm that SC cannot have the successful school transformation without parent involvement. The Task Force recommended actions addressing the diversity of situations, the need for systemic change and portability of programs.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions.

Mr. Barnet asked that each Subcommittee review the recommendations relevant to its work and provide a report to the Subcommittee on Parent Involvement. He requested that the Subcommittee consolidate a report and recommendation for action to the Committee.

He expressed his appreciation to the Task Force and Mrs. Bockus for her support of the Task Force.

IV. **Other Business**

The Committee reviewed proposed changes in wording to the "Bridge" document. The Committee accepted the changes shown below (new language underlined).

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of states nationally. To achieve this goal we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

The meeting adjourned. The November EOC meeting is scheduled for November 18.

Attachment: Summary Recommendation